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## SIMPSON BECOMES BURROWS' MANAGER

Popular Van Buren County Man Resigns as Deputy Auditor General.

### NEW DUTIES BEGIN FEBRUARY 1

Simpson is One of the Strongest Political Workers in Michigan. Will be Power in Campaign.

Deputy Auditor General N. F. Simpson tendered his resignation to Auditor General Fuller last Friday to take effect February 1, when he will take charge of the campaign to secure for Senator J. C. Burrows the primary nomination to succeed himself in the upper house of congress. Where Mr. Simpson will establish his headquarters has not been decided. He is remaining with the department until the first of the month on account of his share in handling matters connected with the levy made on certain railroads to collect back taxes due the state, which might be seriously hampered were it necessary to turn those matters over to his successor in the department.

In assuming leadership in this big battle, Mr. Simpson says that sentimental reasons affected his decision largely. Back in the days when his father, Hon. Emory E. Simpson of Van Buren county was a member of the house in 1873 and again in 1887, he and Senator Burrows



Hon. Nathan F. Simpson, who resigns his position as Deputy Auditor General to become Senator Burrows' campaign manager.

were close political and personal friends, often campaigning together, and the senator and Charles Donahoe, of Keweenaw, the father of Mrs. Simpson, were warm business and personal friends. In addition, the senator secured the appointment of Mr. Simpson's brother, Major W. L. Simpson, of the army, to West Point and later secured the appointment of the major's son, Bethel, to the same institution, where he is now a cadet.

"On account of the relations of my family and myself with the senator I can tell you I have a close personal interest in the matter, and I propose to be in the game right and day," said Mr. Simpson, Friday morning.

George L. Hauser of Charlotte, chief clerk in the department for the last four years, will become deputy auditor to succeed Mr. Simpson, was the announcement made by Auditor General Fuller, Friday. Mr. Hauser has been connected with the department since 1897 and his

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## SAUER CONVICTED; FORGERY CHARGE

Bangor Man Found Guilty of Forging Bill of Lading and Obtaining Money From Bank.

Fred Sauer, commission salesman of Bangor, was convicted on Wednesday of forgery. The specific charge against the Bangor man was the forging of a bill of lading for 34 cases of eggs and obtaining the money from the Bangor bank.

The case was commenced on Monday. Twelve witnesses were sworn for the people and not any for the respondent. The jury retired about 10 o'clock Wednesday and came in with a verdict of guilty about 8 o'clock in the evening.

An order granting a stay of proceedings for 20 days to file a motion for a new trial and 40 days to prepare a bill of exceptions to the supreme court was entered.

In the absence of a bail bond Sauer was remanded to jail, where he has been since his arrest some six weeks ago.

Attorneys Barnard & Lewis and R. M. Chase took care of respondent's interest and Prosecuting Attorney Glenn E. Warner appeared for the people.

## THE NEW COMET IS STRANGER

To The Solar System. Not the Halley Comet as Some Have Thought. Will Soon Disappear.

People all over the country have been greatly interested during the past week, in the appearance of a gigantic comet. It can be seen just above the western horizon, immediately after sunset. Many have had the impression that this was the famous Halley comet, but such is not the case. It is known as the Johannesburg comet, and is a stranger to the solar system. The following clipping from the Chicago Record-Herald will throw some light on the subject: "Data received by Professor Fox of Northwestern university from Harvard college yesterday indicate that the Johannesburg comet which is now visible to observers is a stranger to the solar system. The orbit of the comet, this information explains, is a parabola. The visitor has reached the end of its journey and its course is now away from the sun, so that within a short time it will completely disappear. Owing to the fact that the tail in the form of a cone appears and that the hollow end of it is turned toward the earth, the comet appears to have two tails. This, the Harvard astronomers say, is only an optical illusion. It is possible that the comet's orbit may be an extended ellipse. If this is true, then its elliptical journey is very long, for there are no records of it having been seen from the earth before."

## STILL ANOTHER GRAPE ASS'N

Growers Held Meeting Last Saturday to Organize "Paw Paw Grape Association."

The prospects are that Paw Paw will have still another grape association the coming year. A number of fruit growers met at the opera house last Saturday to discuss the proposition, and to decide upon the advisability of what shall be known as the "Paw Paw Grape Association." The meeting was called to order by George L. Rich as chairman, and Earl Bangs was elected secretary. Henry E. Shaefer read the constitution and by-laws, which had been drafted by a committee appointed for that purpose at a former meeting.

The by-laws were discussed by sections and were adopted practically in their original form. This meeting was not very largely attended, but it was harmonious, and the prospects at this time would look bright for the third Paw Paw association for Paw Paw growers.

This organization is the result of the failure to form one association of the Lawton and Paw Paw growers. Now if the three Paw Paw concerns could get together on a uniform system of grading and inspection, with a Paw Paw label and a minimum price each day, it would go a long way toward accomplishing what 90 per cent of the growers want in the grape industry. The indications at this time are that the third association will be ready to do business the coming season. Another meeting has been called for Saturday afternoon of this week at the council rooms, where the organization will be completed. George L. Rich is president of the association, Earl Bangs vice president, Roy Tuttle secretary, H. M. Ayars and A. G. Shepard directors.

### DAUGHTER AT SQUIRE BURNS'

It is quite evident that Juror Squire Burns of Alpena has not enjoyed his work as juror during the past week. Try as hard as he might to give his undivided attention to court work, his mind would wander back to his home and the little 7-pound daughter that arrived last Sunday evening. Mr. Burns drove home every evening to see the little one.

### WILL BUILD NEW RESIDENCE.

It is rumored that Fay Weston, who recently sold his Kalamazoo street property to C. W. Young, will in the spring erect a fine \$3,000 residence on his lot in front of the court house. It is to be hoped that the rumor is well founded, as a fine residence such as Mr. Weston would erect would be a valuable addition to the village.

## NO MORE COLD FINGERS

For Rural Mail Carriers. Order Issued That All Letters Mailed in Rural Boxes Must Be Stamped.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Estimates made by officials of the postoffice department indicate that approximately 300,000,000 one-cent pieces annually are taken by the rural letter carriers from letter boxes for the payment of postage on mail matter deposited.

Complaints against the practice have become so widespread that today the postoffice department issued instructions to all postmasters at rural delivery offices that after February 15, the practice would be discontinued. The department, it is explained, has been forced to adopt this measure on account of the delays in the collection and delivery of mail.

## JACOB M. DICKINSON



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Secretary of War

## ASK FOR FRANCHISE FOR ELECTRIC CO. THROUGH VILLAGE AND TOWNSHIP.

The electric railroad proposition is again in the air. Whether or not anything tangible will result from the agitation is a question, but one thing is certain, the people of Paw Paw are willing to co-operate with any man or company of men, who really mean business. There is no question but what there will be an electric road through Paw Paw some time in the future, but when, is a question.

Wm. C. Plumb, who has been in Paw Paw the greater part of his time during the past year, is the promoter of the present agitation. At the regular council meeting last Monday night, he appeared before the council, and presented an ordinance or franchise, asking the village to accept the same, and order an election at the coming village election. Under the new law, the granting of a railway franchise through a village or township, is up to the voters of said village and township. Such franchise can no longer be granted by village councils or township boards. The ordinance as presented by Mr. Plumb is rather vague

and indefinite and probably will not be accepted in its present form. It was referred to the village attorney, L. H. Titus, and Trustees Hall, Adriance, Johnson and President John Mutchler. They will probably draft such an ordinance as in their opinion will properly protect the rights of the village and if the same is satisfactory to Mr. Plumb, the village will probably be asked to vote on the proposition in the spring.

Mr. Plumb represents the Uncle Sam Oil Co. of Kansas, who are desirous of securing right of way from Benton Harbor to Kalamazoo. The proposed line would strike Coloma, Hartford, Lawrence, Paw Paw, Mattawan and Kalamazoo. Mr. Plumb states that franchisees have been asked for through the above territory. The company have an option on the spur that is partially completed from Benton Harbor to Coloma and Paw Paw Lake.

The village attorney and local committee to whom the matter was referred will probably be ready to report at the next regular council meeting.

## WILL BE SOLE PROPRIETOR

Mayor Johnson of South Haven has Bought all the Gallagher Pickle Factories in the State.

Mayor James H. Johnson of South Haven, formerly Judge of Probate of Van Buren county, closed a big deal last week, by which he becomes sole owner and proprietor of the Gallagher pickle works. It is understood that he paid Peter Gallagher the sum of \$35,000 for Gallagher's interest in the chain of factories about the state. The factories are located at White Cloud, N. S. Woodville, Thompsonville, Grand Junction and South Haven. A large force of men have been put to work getting the factories in the best possible condition, and arranging for increasing their present output. The Gallagher concern for years has practically controlled the pickle business in Michigan.

### FISHING CLUB BANQUET.

The Moonlight Fishing Club gave its third annual banquet last Friday evening at the residence of W. A. Prater. Will Woodson of Kalamazoo, a member of the club, was the chief and acquitted himself with honor and great satisfaction to those whom he served. County Treasurer Frank H. Fuller acted as his able assistant. It has been the custom of the club to have the toothsome music as the piece de resistance at these banquets, but it was found impossible to obtain that little rodent at this time and so acceptable substitutes were served. Judge L. Burget DeVoignes was the guest of honor on this occasion.

### GOOD ENTERTAINERS.

Rev. M. Grigsby and his Sunday school class of young people were invited to the home of H. Y. Tarbell south of town last Tuesday night to enjoy an oyster supper. Reports would verify the fact that the Tarbells are excellent entertainers.

## WILL MOVE TO THE VILLAGE

C. W. Youngs has Rented Farm and Purchased the Faye Weston Village Property. On Farm 54 Years

C. W. Young has rented his farm west of town, and is preparing to move with his family into his village residence on North Kalamazoo St. of Faye Weston. The farm is rented to Edgar F. Rouse South Haven, who will soon take possession. Mr. Young is probably fortunate in securing Mr. Rouse to take charge of his farming interests, as he comes well recommended, having had charge of David Rod's Eggville farm for the past six years. It is with some regrets that Mr. and Mrs. Young leave their fine country home. It has been home for them for the past 54 years; but they have now arrived at an age when they will derive more comfort and happiness away from the busy cares of the farm life. The many friends of the Young family are glad that they are to become residents of the village. They expect to move next week.

### COTERIE AT MRS. HOYT'S.

Mrs. W. J. Hoyt entertained the Coterie at her home Wednesday afternoon. It was England day, and Dr. Hoyt gave a very delightful talk on a day in London. Blaine Warner gave a vocal solo, Mrs. Sellick one on the piano. At the close of the afternoon the hostess served tea in English fashion. The next meeting of the Coterie will be held at Mrs. M. L. Decker's home, and a musical program will be given.

### INTERESTING GRAPE ARTICLE.

W. C. Wiley, manager of the Paw Paw Fruit Growers' Union, has an interesting article on the grape business in this issue of the True Northerner. The facts and figures given will be of intense interest to fruit growers in this vicinity. The article will be found on page 6 of this issue.

## "THE DEVIL AND THE TURK."

At Presbyterian Church Monday Evening, Jan. 31. Dr. Suleeba Will Be the Speaker.

Dr. Thomas S. Suleeba will sing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," in seven different languages in the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning. In the evening he will deliver an address in the same church. On Monday evening he will deliver his strong lecture on the subject: "The Devil and the Turk." The Lima (Ohio) Morning News says of Dr. Suleeba: "It is seldom that any speaker creates such enthusiastic interest in a subject as did Dr. Suleeba in his lecture at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium. Certainly he gave the clearest exposition ever given in Lima of the eastern question—or the Devil and the Sultan. He held a thousand people in close attention for two hours." Dr. Suleeba is a scholar, a graduate of the University of Minnesota and of Rush Medical College, Chicago. His lectures are entertaining, instructive, beautiful in diction, thoughtful, eloquent, and above all, of a high moral character. Rev. M. Grigsby has heard Dr. Suleeba lecture a number of times and guarantees that Plucky Suleeba will give satisfaction.

Admission, children 10 cents, adults 20 cents. The lecture will be given in the Presbyterian church on Monday evening, Jan. 31, at 7:30.

## WAR VETERAN GONE TO HIS LAST REWARD

John W. Sprague Answers to Last Call at His Home in Muskegon. Well Known Here.

John W. Sprague, veteran of the civil war, who enlisted and went out from Paw Paw as a member of the famous Lafayette Light Guards, answered the last roll call at his home in Muskegon last Sunday night. He had many friends here among the survivors of the war, and visited them last summer on his return home from the encampment at Kalama Zoo. Following is what the Muskegon News Chronicle of last Monday had to say of deceased:

"A veteran of nearly 50 battles of the civil war, in two of which he had his horse shot from under him, although he himself was not injured. John W. Sprague, 82 South Third street, died at 7:30 last night, following a slight stroke of paralysis. He was 69 years of age.

Mr. Sprague was born in Litchfield, O., June 2, 1840, removing with his parents from there to Marshall, Mich. He later lived in Whitehall, being married there to Miss Anna Dunn, December 17, 1874. In 1887 he moved with his family to Muskegon when the Temple Curtain Roller factory came from Montague to this city. He was an employer of that firm for nine years.

For two years he was in Dakota, then returning to Muskegon and working at the John McCracken mill for ten years, until the concern closed its doors. For three years he served as janitor for St. Paul's church, a like period at the Newton block and two years in a similar position at the Women's club house. Since last September he has been forced to give up active work. He was commander of Paul Kearney post, G. A. R. last year.

He enlisted in Company C, 70th New York infantry, at Paw Paw, Mich., May 20, 1861, being transferred to the Second United States cavalry October 28, 1862. He enlisted in Company C, 16th Michigan infantry, March 9, 1865, serving there from that time until the close of the war.

The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the lecture room of the Central M. E. church, the Rev. J. B. Pinckard conducting the services."

## STARS SHONE AT LAWRENCE

County Ass'n O. E. S. Held Mid-Winter Session There Saturday. Next Meeting at Paw Paw.

The midwinter session of the Van Buren county association, O. E. S., was held in Lawrence last Saturday, every chapter in the county being represented. The visiting members were met at the depot and escorted to the new and beautiful Masonic Temple of which Lawrence feels very proud. The chapter room was decorated with ferns and palms and was indeed good to look upon.

The morning session was devoted to business and the election of officers. The meeting was called to order by the president, Clara Sebring of Bangor. All united in singing an ode familiar to all Eastern Star members. Frances Chapman, worthy matron of Lawrence chapter, in behalf of her chapter in a kind and gracious manner gave to all a hearty welcome. Rev. Olivia J. C. Woodman of Paw Paw chapter responded in her usual bright and happy manner in behalf of the visiting members.

Election of officers for next year resulted as follows: president, Clara Sebring, Bangor; vice president, Harvey Chapman, Lawrence; secretary and

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## BOOSTER'S CLUB WAS ORGANIZED

Fifty-five Business and Professional Men Sat Down to Luncheon.

### AT DYCKMAN HOUSE TUESDAY

Officers Elected. "Booster's Club" Would be of Inestimable Value to the Community.

Paw Paw is to have a good, full grown live "Boosters Club". Plans looking to the organization of such a club were launched in the Dyckman House dining room last Tuesday, when 55 of the business and professional men of the village sat down to a business men's lunch.

Harry L. McNeil is the originator of the plan here, although similar organizations exist in many of the cities and villages of the state. While in Detroit, last week, Mr. McNeil was invited to a business men's lunch at the Cadillac hotel. While there he learned that it was an organization of business men, who met on stated occasions and at regular intervals and lunched together. Frequently some speaker would entertain them after luncheon, and Mr. McNeil conceived the idea that such an organization would be of inestimable value to the village of Paw Paw. He accordingly laid his plans before the business and professional men, and the result of his efforts have up to this time been eminently successful.

As already stated, 55 sat down to lunch, and many favorable comments were heard as to the quality and the quantity of the eatables, and the prompt manner in which it was served. Landlord Stephenson is certainly to be congratulated on the luncheon.

After the plates were cleared, and cigars lighted, an organization was completed, with the following officers. H. L. McNeil, president; W. R. Sellick, vice president; Guy Warner, secretary. On motion of T. J. Cavanaugh, the president was authorized to appoint a committee of five to draft a constitution and by-laws, and to report at the next meeting. The chairman announced the following committee: T. J. Cavanaugh, Arthur Miller, Dr. O. E. Langhear, W. J. Warner and H. C. Waters. Many of the business and professional men present offered remarks and suggestions for the success and ultimate good to be accomplished by such an organization.

The next meeting of the club will be held at the Dyckman house on Tuesday, February 8, at one o'clock p. m. F. N. Wakeman, W. J. Warner and H. A. Cole were appointed a committee to provide for entertainment at that time.

It is possible that some of the business or professional men of the village did not know of the first meeting. If so they should by all means be present. The organization is for everyone who is interested in the welfare and prosperity of the village, and if everyone will take an interest, the meeting of Tuesday will result in a "Boosters Club" that will "Boost."

## FRANK J. BIRNEY WAS CONVICTED

Of Crime of Larceny. Jury was Out Until Midnight. \$3,000 Appeal Bond Given.

The embezzlement case against Francis J. Birney of Lawton terminated last Friday night at midnight, when the jury brought in a verdict of guilty of the crime of larceny. The case was bitterly contested, and a large number of witnesses were sworn on each side of the case. The citizens of both Lawton and Paw Paw were intensely interested in the progress of the trial, and the court room was crowded to its capacity during the entire week. The jury received their charge from the court at four o'clock in the afternoon, and their deliberations lasted until midnight.

Birney, who had been for 15 years a trusted employee of the M. C. R. R., was charged with the embezzlement of railroad funds to the amount of \$2,500.00, approximately. That he had sold ice and coal for which he failed to make an accounting to the company. The form of the verdict of the jury was "guilty of larceny of more than \$25.00." The statute providing that a party who shall embezzle any funds that may come into his possession as the agent or employee of another shall be deemed to be guilty of the crime of larceny.

A stay of proceedings was granted for 60 days in which to move for a new trial or to settle the case for review by the supreme court. Bail was fixed at the sum of \$3,000, and was given with Matthew Murphy and Harvey Harper of Lawton as sureties.